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Case No.: 6771USD1

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1. Transmittal letter
2. Amendment (4 pages)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2003, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows, and consider the remarks below. Reconsideration of  
this application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** – are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8